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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PEST IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING PEST SPECIMENS

PLANT DISEASE SPECIMENS

Collect a sample that best represents what is occurring to the plant. Include transition zone between diseased and healthy plant tissue, if possible. Place sample in a plastic, zip-lock bag. Ship sample with required information in a box or padded envelope. Any sample not shipped immediately should be refrigerated. Please provide the following information:

1. Location (county and nearest town)
2. Host plant
3. Date collected
4. Describe disease symptoms, site characteristics, cultural practices, chemical history, etc.
5. Contact information (name, address, phone number)

INSECTS, SPIDERS, TICKS, ETC.

Collect multiple individuals, if possible. Place sample in a tightly sealed, shockproof container. Soft-bodied insects should be submitted in rubbing alcohol. Ship sample with required information in a box or mailing tube. Please provide the following information:

1. Location (county and nearest town)
2. Host plant/animal or habitat
3. Date collected
4. Describe type and amount of damage if possible
5. Contact information (name, address, phone number)

WEED SPECIMENS

Collect the whole weed or as much of the weed as possible. Include reproductive structures (flowers, fruit, seeds, etc.), if possible. Place sample in a plastic, zip-lock bag or between thin pieces of cardboard. Ship sample with required information in a box or padded envelope. Please provide the following information:

1. Location (county and nearest town)
2. Site (lawn, pasture, crop, etc.)
3. Date collected
4. Contact information (name, address, phone number)

Mail specimens to:

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Pest Identification Laboratory
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For questions regarding pests or the status of pest specimens, contact the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, Plant Industries Division at (304) 558-2212.